

DECLARATION, PETITION AND POWER OF  
ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled TREE STAND, the specification of which

  X   is attached hereto  
           was filed on                                  as  
Application Serial No.                                   
and was amended on                                 .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:   X   None

Prior Foreign Application(s)			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
<u>          </u> (Number)	<u>          </u> (Country)	<u>          </u> (Day/Mon/Yr filed)	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>          </u> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(patented \_\_, pending \_\_,  
abandoned \_\_)

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Your petitioner, CLIFFORD BRAUN, a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of 8462 Section Line Road, Harbor Beach, Michigan, 48441 whose post office address is 8462 Section Line Road, Harbor Beach, Michigan, 48441, prays that Letter Patent may be granted to him for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the accompanying specification and claims.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint John J. Swartz, 908 Court Street, Saginaw, Michigan, 48602, Registration No. 24,626, my attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature: *Clifford Braun* Date: 8-7-00

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**Attorney's Docket No.** 82194,03 **PATENT**

**Applicant or Patentee:** CLIFFORD BRAUN AND DEREK WOODKE

**Serial or Patent No.:** 0 /

**Filed or Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For:** TREE STAND

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) BY A NON-INVENTOR  
SUPPORTING A CLAIM BY ANOTHER FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

I hereby declare that I am making this verified statement to support a claim by

CLIFFORD BRAUN AND DEREK WOODKE

for small entity status for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_

TREE STAND

by inventor(s) CLIFFORD BRAUN AND DEREK WOODKE

described in

☒ the specification filed herewith.

☐ application serial no. 0 / , filed \_\_\_\_\_ .

☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ , issued \_\_\_\_\_ .

I hereby declare that I would qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, if I had made the above identified invention.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

☒ no such person, concern, or organization

☐ persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

*\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27).*

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(Small Entity—Non-Inventor Supporting Claim [7-2]—page 1 of 2)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Date

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(Small Entity—Non-Inventor Supporting Claim [7-2]—page 2 of 2)

Attorney's Docket No. 82194.03**PATENT**Applicant or Patentee: Clifford Braun and Derek Woodke

Serial or Patent No.: 0 / \_\_\_\_\_

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For: TREE STAND**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled TREE STAND

described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
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